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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box PCT Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Claims

Please amend claim 8 as follows:

An antibacterial/antifungal agent containing a silver conjugated protein as

set forth in claim 1 as an active component.